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United States Quarantine Regulations, have been strictly enforced since the 1st of May.

The passenger travel from this port is principally by the United States transports and Ward Line steamers, with an occasional vessel of the Spanish Trans-Atlantic Line for New Orleans.

By arrangement with the steamship agents and the Quartermaster Department, passengers are unable to obtain transportation until they have obtained a health certificate from this office and have had their baggage labeled according to the regulations. I inclose a report of the baggage disinfected or inspected and passed of outgoing passengers from this port since the 1st of the month.

Respectfully,

F. E. TROTTER,  
*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

[Inclosure.]

*Baggage disinfected or inspected and passed.*

“CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, May 16, 1900.

“Disinfected, 4 pieces, United States army transport *Sedgwick*, May 9, 1900; inspected and passed, 5 pieces, United States army transport *Sedgwick*, May 9, 1900; inspected and passed, 7 pieces, steamship *Saratoga*, May 9, 1900.

“F. E. TROTTER,  
“*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*”

*Reports from Havana.*

HAVANA, CUBA, May 13, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit report for the week ended May 12, 1900, with mortuary statistics for the week ended May 9, 1900. The April report shows 5 cases of yellow fever and no death reported for that month.

Two cases, 1 of which died, of yellow fever are reported this week. Both were at the same house, *Diario de la Marina*. None others have been reported to date. An attempt was made to conceal the fatal case, which matter is now under investigation for the assessment of the fine provided by law.

The general health of the city continues good, and it is worthy of note that so far no cases of yellow fever have been reported on the water front or among the seafaring population. Although the rainy season has not set in yet, there has been a considerable amount of rain on the last three days of the week. On the last two days it has been cloudy and cold, so much so that thicker clothing had to be worn.

But little work has been done in the disinfection of vessels, 1 Morgan liner going from here to Cienfuegos where she clears for New Orleans, and another from here to ports on the north coast where she will clear. There is not much shipping now for the United States in the harbor, decidedly less than at this time last year.

The disinfection of baggage, etc., continues smoothly. The work on the *Protector* is still receiving my personal attention in every detail.

Respectfully,

H. R. CARTER,  
*Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

May 25, 1900

1300

[Inclosure.]

*Report of inspection and disinfection at Havana for week ended May 12, 1900.*

OFFICE.

Number of passengers examined.....	295
Number of passengers vaccinated.....	28

OUT-DOOR DEPARTMENT.

Number of vessels disinfected.....	3
Number of viveros disinfected.....	18
Number of pieces of baggage disinfected.....	125
Vessels inspected and entered.....	17
Vessels inspected and cleared.....	16
Immigrant steerage passengers inspected .....	46

*Mortuary report for week ended May 9, 1900.*

Bronchitis.....	5
Enteritis.....	14
Yellow fever.....	1
Typhoid fever .....	2
Pernicious malarial fever .....	2
La grippe.....	1
Glanders.....	1
Malaria.....	6
Pneumonia.. ..	5
Tetanus.....	5
From all causes.....	112

*Disinfecting and labeling baggage.*

HAVANA, CUBA, May 13, 1900.

SIR: In answer to Bureau letter (F. L. G.) of May 8, I would state that the disinfection and labeling of baggage at this station is enforced.

A. All baggage for southern ports is disinfected here.

B. Baggage for northern ports is disinfected if it be in any of the three following classes:

(1) If we are not satisfied it will remain north.

(2) If it comes from any place in Cuba where we believe it has been specially exposed to infection.

(3) If from its nature it is adjudged specially liable to convey infection; *i. e.* if it contains bedding, sorted clothing, etc.

This last in point of fact covers nearly all the steerage baggage.

For the second we have a map of the city of Havana dotted with all the cases of yellow fever that are reported, and as any especial quarter shows infection we disinfect the baggage from that quarter.

Baggage of a clean nature which we are satisfied will remain north, and from a locality accounted clean, is passed.

C. Baggage going north via southern lines, which we can insure reaching its destination without being opened in the south, is treated as northern baggage. This is checked through to destination, in general, New York, and I mail the claim check to the passenger's address, which he writes out in my presence. There are other precautions in labeling, checking, etc., of which the Bureau is aware, but which would take too long to give in detail. Suffice it to say that the baggage so checked will not stop short of its destination, and it is believed to be free from infection if it should so stop. There is but a small amount of it—belonging to wealthy Cubans going to Saratoga. The hand baggage of these people, in short everything not forwarded thus and checked, is disinfected. Last week 459 pieces were disinfected; this week only 125.